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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: [redacted]
Director of Finance

SUBJECT: Records About Drug Experimentation (S)

REFERENCE:
a. Memorandum to Director of Finance from DDA, dtd 8 Oct 78, Same Subject [redacted]

b. Memorandum for Executive Assistant to the DDA from OLC, dtd 2 Sept 77, Subject: Congressional Request for Travel and Expense Records [redacted]

c. Letter to [redacted], CIA Review Staff, from William B. Bader, Staff Member United States Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations With Respect to Intelligence Activities, dtd 22 Aug 75, Subject: "To confirm a request ... for any Office of Finance records dealing with drug testing by, or at the request of, CIA." (Review Staff: [redacted]

1. (S) This Office conducted extensive file searches for subject data in response to requirements levied in references b and c. Those searches pertained to specific projects, activities and individuals then known or suspected to be connected with drug experimentation programs. I am fairly confident that, working from these lists we surfaced all relevant accessible records. However reference a raises a larger issue, specifically the specter of "some unidentified project buried somewhere in the archives that no one knows anything about." Reference a states a need to be as certain as possible that "all records pertaining in anyway to any drug testing program sponsored by the Agency have been surfaced" and a need to know how confident we can be that all such records have been found. On this latter point reference a specifically requests I state with what degree of confidence I feel that no records pertaining to drug activities remain undisclosed. Before making this statement some background on financial records systems as well as insight into past and present search methodologies should prove useful.

2. (S) The Office of Finance's record system is structured around pre-assigned numbers [redacted] which identify a project or, in the case of employees, identify an individual. All financial records are accessed through these numbers. Financial records on individuals who are not employees or on efforts or activities not formalized into officially recognized projects are generally to be found in any one of several miscellaneous, less descriptive and less

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accessible categories of projects (e.g., "Other Operational Activity" (OOA), "Management/Support" and/or thousands of derivative sub-categories thereof). We reviewed all records which could in any way be pre-determined to involve or relate to the projects or individuals cited on references b and c. Since that time a "watchlist" has been prepared of all projects, individuals or activities in which there is continuing interest by internal and external investigative or oversight functions. As part of a current program of re-accession of financial records into the Agency records system, review teams are using this list to surface, among other items, drug and narcotics related records. While this does not involve a page by page review of the entire 17,000 cubic feet of official financial records, nor does it preclude the ever present potential for human error, it is more extensive than previous search efforts. There have been some few drug related documents surfaced via this program.

3. ~~(S)~~ What degree of confidence can be assigned to the proposition that no records pertaining to drug activities remain undisclosed? Understandably it must be significantly less that 100 percent. In my opinion near perfect, 100 percent confidence could only be achieved via a page by page review of all financial documents. Using resource statistics developed during the current re-accession program and allowing for such issues as the translation of foreign language receipts, we estimate it would "cost" in excess of 200 man-years to achieve this level of confidence. In the absence of such a total end to end file search or a statistically derived "confidence interval" or percentile, any statement of specific confidence levels must be viewed at best as partly conjecture. Nevertheless, when specific names or cryptonyms of projects or individuals thought to be connected with drug experiments are provided or discovered in our search and are then relatable to one or more pre-assigned numbers, we have been successful in surfacing what we believe are all relevant documents in our system. However, in the absense of these specified projects, cryptonyms or names we have no mechanism to search and retrieve records, especially records of any unknown, unnamed or otherwise vague and unidentified drug activity. The OFTEN/CHICKWIT activity cited in reference a is a case in point. This Office was neither aware of nor had discovered the existence of this activity prior to receipt of reference a and had not conducted a search for records related thereto. We have now made such a search, have determined no pre-assigned numbers exist for this activity and have, therefore, surfaced no records related thereto.

4. ~~(C)~~ In sum, I trust you will agree that, while I can be fairly confident no financial records on specified drug related activity or individuals searched to date remain undisclosed, I can not make a statement with any degree of

confidence that all records on unidentified activities or individuals have been or will be surfaced, IF IN FACT SUCH ACTIVITY OR INDIVIDUALS DO EXIST.

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